

SENATE BILL 917
By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to entry upon lands of
another person.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-105, is amended by adding the
following language as new subsection (c):

(c)

(1) Persons who enter upon the lands of another to shoot, hunt, trap or
fish, or for other wildlife-related recreational purposes, shall not through their
actions, cause damage to any buildings, fences, crops, livestock or domestic
animals, machinery, or other property while upon such lands.

(2) A violation of this subsection (c) is a Class C misdemeanor. Upon
conviction for any violation of this subsection (c), the court may revoke the
license of the person convicted. Any license so revoked shall be surrendered to
the court.

(3) The provisions of this subsection (c) are enforceable and may be
prosecuted by all officers of the wildlife resources agency, sheriffs and other
peace officers charged with the enforcement of the laws of this state.

(4) The wildlife resources agency may promulgate rules and regulations
to establish private lands incentive programs encouraging voluntary access to
private lands for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-related recreation, while at the
same time protecting the rights of private property owners.

SECTION 2. For purposes of rulemaking, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.